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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Anne Marie M. Boehler	3611	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 May 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,2,4-6,9 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 3,7 and 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saiki (USPN 6,158,279) in view of Tsuji (USPN 6,616,165).

Saiki shows a motorcycle with a head lamp 30 and meter 32 unit mounted to the head lamp. The light bulb 62 of the lamp is replaced from the rear of the lamp.

Saiki shows the meter unit that is removable rather than pivotable, to allow access to the interior of enclosure that houses the lamp.

Tsuji shows a meter unit pivotably mounted to allow access to an enclosure that also mounts a head lamp. An upwardly rotated position of the meter allows access to the interior and a downwardly rotated position is used for normal driving of the motorcycle. An upper fixing means 44 rotatably mounts the upper back side of the meter unit and a lower fixing means 39 fastens the lower rear of the unit.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the Saiki arrangement to pivotally mount the meter on the lamp, as taught by Tsuji, in order to provide convenient access behind the meter unit.

2. Claims 3, 7 and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

3. Applicant's arguments filed May 4, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the prior art fails to teach removing the headlight bulb through the rear of the lamp unit. Applicant has labeled the rear opening of the lamp

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unit the "bulb mounting and removing portion" and has described a "normal position" and a "bulb replacing position" of the meter unit. However, the distinguishing characteristic that the applicant is arguing is a rearward opening from the lamp unit and the pivotal mounting of the meter unit to block or allow access to that opening. The prior art shows the claimed structure. Saiki shows a lamp unit with a rear opening covered by the meter (meter mounting hole 64). The meter is removable. When the meter is removed the headlight bulb is removable through the meter mounting hole, although not specifically described as such. Tsuji teaches pivotally mounting the metering unit to allow access to the space behind the unit and provide a neat appearance. The examiner maintains that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to pivotally mount the Saiki meter, as taught by Tsuji, in order to allow access to the enclosure and to provide a neat appearance. Since the light bulb is capable of being replaced through the meter opening, the claim language is believed to be met as broadly and functionally claimed.

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anne Marie M. Boehler whose telephone number is 571-272-6641. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00, Monday-Thursday, and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on 571-272-6612. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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